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THE FATE OF WHITTLESEY.

The man who defied the Hun threat of destruction, who went through the ordeal of fire with unequalled courage, ends his own life deliberately. The memories of the terrible days of war are assigned as the cause which led Col. Whittlesey, the leader of the Lost Battalion, to accomplish his own death.

His bravery stands as one of the great incidents of the war. He had fought for four days without support. He saw his followers fall beneath the deadly enemy fire until only 87 remained of the thousand who went into battle.

When a blind-folded German, carrying a white flag, asked for his surrender in the "name of humanity," his reply was a fighting word and he went on to conquer.

Did that terrible ordeal leave upon his mind the impression that life, instead of being the most valuable thing, is the cheapest?

Or was his mind turned as he dreamed of the comrades who gave their all upon the field of France, haunted as he was day after day by visions of the uselessness of war and its terrible results?

Life to him was, seemingly, laid in pleasant paths. He was honored above other men. Upon his breast was a medal voted him by congress in the name of all the people. His place was forever fixed—and yet life to him was unendurable.

Not all the price has been paid for the war that is now ended. The generations yet to come will pay in more than money. Not all the victims remained upon the Flanders fields.

The fate of Whittlesey, hero of heroes, is but another reminder that war is too costly a game for civilization to pay and exist. His own self destruction is a summons to mankind to find a better way to settle quarrels than by killing each other.

THE NEW INFLUENCE.

That men are inclined to concentrate their interest in civic affairs in some blazing project, which has glamor and excitement, and then relax and permit their victory to be destroyed by their own lethargy is the comment of Mrs. Maud Wood Park, head of the National League of Woman Voters.

She believes that there is a fundamental difference in viewpoint from that of the woman voters, who, she prophesies, will watch day after day and patiently conserve any reforms which they achieve.

The difference might be traced back to the days of the old caves when the female watched the camp fires, stood guard at the entrance against enemies while the male went out on forays for food or to drive back foes.

It might be traced also to the instincts developed in those early days of civilized society when man was largely warrior and fighter instead of provider and the woman of the house was compelled to keep it intact and ready for his return from wars.

Centuries of history lie behind the prophecy of this leader of women who says:

"Men want to achieve some great and glorious thing and then stop off to take a rest. That is why we so often see wonderful outbursts of civic reforming, which flare up and fizzle out because the chief workers have not the habit of 'keeping at it' which women have learned from the routine of repetition which has thus far formed a large part of their working lives."

Her criticism of the fate of most civic reforms is well founded. The old fight between the House of Haves and House of Want wins a few victories but in the cities and states which have witnessed these fights, the forces of the vicious and anti-social have generally come back to power after brief intermissions.

A sustained interest in public welfare has been the exception rather than the rule, and only in cities which have had a leadership which inspired and courted constant watchfulness.

If women bring to the common affairs of life the same qualities which she has developed through the centuries of home making, there may be expected quiet revolutions in many things.

If the new voters contribute to the common good a determination that each new victory shall be maintained, it will be a spirit that has been sadly lacking and perhaps some day the old adage that "republics are always ungrateful" will lose its sting.

BLUEBEARD'S WIFE.

The wife of the modern Bluebeard, just convicted of murdering a dozen or several dozen women, sobers considerably that she still loves this monster.

Over in the want columns you read tragedy between the lines of an announcement from a man who labored hard each day that the wife to whom he brought his pay envelope and who was the center of all his life and efforts has left his home.

The illogical mind, accustomed to jumping at conclusions, might deduce from these instances that the love of woman is for those who do their best to kill it.

The cynical might believe that the path to happiness, never complete for man without the love of some woman, is the bandit road.

The philosophical would arrive at a far different solution. He would find in these widely divergent incidents the proof that the heart of woman is the most wonderful gift, to be sought about all else, to be valued beyond price.

He would find that love is so wonderful that not even the most terrible of crimes can crush it, nor neglect to kill it—and yet so fragile a thing that it can be driven away by boredom.

Solomon, the wisest man, admitted that one of the great mysteries is "the way of the man with a maid."

Modern wiseacres, reflecting upon the broken-hearted wife who clings to the greatest murderer of all times, will find the way of a maid with a man even more mysterious.

STILL IN DARKNESS.

The president calls attention to the fact that in this country there are five million of boys and girls who are not taking advantage of the free schools and who are lacking in the fundamentals of intelligent citizenship.

The number will appall those who have not believed, in these days of compulsory education, that

so large a portion of the next generation is arriving at the voting age in a state of ignorance.

The great strength of this republic and its stability lie in a citizenship that is trained to think.

The boy or girl who comes to maturity without an education goes through life an object of greater pity than any crippled and maimed human could possibly be.

The boy and girl who are not equipped with the means of informing themselves of the current affairs, who have no contact with the things that are happening in the world, are a drag upon the entire population.

There is something radically wrong when such a condition can exist. Some of the blame can probably be laid to the indifference of parents, their own thriftlessness, their willingness to accept the meager wage of their children at times when the children should be in school.

Most of it belongs to the state and the communities which have failed to recognize ignorance as the greatest menace, worse than pestilence, more terrible than any disaster.

The proclamation of the president setting aside next week as a time for public gatherings at which constructive measures may be taken to change this condition should arouse every community to the necessity of a thorough survey.

No child should be left in ignorance nor be permitted to remain in ignorance. General education is the nation's greatest asset.

LI HUNG CHANG.

Did you ever have to grit your teeth, in polite circles, to keep from telling some one exactly what you thought of him?

Did you ever stop to think what a commotion there would be in South Bend if everybody spoke their real thoughts instead of saving each other?

Civilization turns us into turtles. We live in hard shells, solitary, keeping most of our real thoughts to ourselves. When the turtle head emerges from the shell, it usually engages in artificial, masked conversation.

If you are too plain about saying what you think, you are apt to be jailed, fired or ostracized. Observing which, most of us are wary, conforming to a social code based on deception and secrecy.

The most remarkable visitor that ever came to America was Li Hung Chang, Chinese diplomat.

When he toured our country in 1896, he was 73 years old, mysterious and inscrutable. What especially delighted and dumfounded Americans was that Li Hung Chang "made no bones" in talking. He said exactly what he thought.

Introduced to a woman of prominence, he asked: "How old are you? Do you quarrel with your husband? Is your bad temper to blame? What makes those wrinkles in your face?"

To a rich man he was apt to say: "How much money are you worth? Did you get it by working for it, or did some one else earn it for you?"

This bluntness, and an uncertainty as to whether or not he was kidding us, made Li Hung Chang a sensation when he toured America 25 years ago. He asked his bland questions with a child-like simplicity that made them inoffensive.

You would think that a man of Li Hung Chang's bluntness would not get very far in life without being forcibly sidetracked.

Not so. He was a financial success personally, combining diplomatic genius with Rockefeller business sagacity.

As a public character, he was a still greater success. He had the clairvoyant gift of looking far into the future. So did John Hay, then our secretary of state. Together they originated, in September, 1899, "the open door" policy for China.

You are hearing a lot about that policy now, and troubles that have risen because it was not lived up to.

The Chinese at the arms-limitation conference are having hard sledding. That's because they lack a great leader like Li Hung Chang. Too bad, too, that Li Hung Chang is not living to tell the conference what the rest of us are only thinking.

THE INNOCUOUS POSITION.

Chief Justice Taft, refusing to discuss the association of nations, gave as a reason that he is now in an "innocuous position."

Much as he may believe it, the general public will hardly regard the the highest judicial position of the land in that light.

Innocuous is but a cultivated way of saying that it is harmless, and the position that he now fills has in it greater potency for good or evil than any which he has held hitherto. He has filled most positions from county officer up through federal governorships, cabinet portfolios to the presidency.

His is quite likely to be the deciding voice on many a question in which his decision will sway destiny for this nation.

Many of the most important questions have been decided by a divided opinion in the court, a difference of opinion as to what is law and what is anarchy. In such a place, it will be the view of Taft which will become the law of the land.

The liberty of every individual, his right to happiness, his enjoyment of property, all depends upon the attitude of this one man, or may depend upon it.

The public was glad, generally, when President Harding named Taft as chief justice, exactly because they believed the place was far from innocuous and because they believed that he would render his decisions with less personal prejudice than many another who aspired to that place.

Other Editors Than Ours

SHIPS WITH A KICK IN THEM.
 (San Francisco Chronicle.)

A naval expert at Washington expresses the opinion that the United States can not successfully develop a mercantile marine of fast passenger-carrying steamships without a kick in them. Such steamships would be potential auxiliary cruisers, raiders or mine layers and might become handy when our naval armament is reduced and some of our big ships scrapped.

It had been suggested that when naval construction ceased our attention would turn to the development of our mercantile marine. But we are told that fast ships with luxurious accommodations are not alone what the traveling public wants. The ships that carry a kick with the speed and the comforts are the ones that get the business.

The 18th amendment goes with the American flag. Vessels flying the flag of nations having no 18th amendment have speed, comfort and kick, and it is declared America can not wrest the passenger business from them while present conditions continue.

DISSATISFIED.

(Los Angeles Record.)
 The driest place in the world is Payta, Peru. It expects no rain until at least 1925. If it rains often than once in two years down there, the natives get scared. Last February it had its first shower since 1913.

Despite the dry climate, seven different kinds of plant life manage to exist around Payta. Life, the greatest mystery, is remarkable for two things:

First: Its stubborn and tenacious fight against death.
 Second: Its power to adapt itself to almost any kind of environment.

The Tower of Babel
 Bill Armstrong

There is entirely too much thieving and robbing going on around South Bend at the present time. If this sort of thing is going to keep up indefinitely we believe the police should be notified.

Speaking of thieving, a man we know in Mishawaka has got the right idea about holdups and the like, and the action he took at just the right time shows that he believes in taking the bull by the horns. On numerous occasions of late, he and his wife have discovered tough looking eyes prowling around the house. The thing finally got on his nerves, and he says to his wife, "We don't have to stick for this. I am going to put a stop to it at once."

He then went out and boldly purchased a flashlight for his wife to protect herself with when he is away from home.

We don't know of anything finer than a man fully protecting his family at all times!

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS, WATSON?

A very serious piece of business has just been brought to our attention by Jake Heckman, the eminent local barber. The source of Jake's information is Doc MacGregor, Mr. MacGregor, according to Mr. Heckman, has been reliably informed by parties whose integrity is unquestioned, that Ole Clark of Kable's restaurant, is going to be bailiff of the city court in the next administration, and that he is going to get the appointment for his kindness in serving Chief Ducommun, the incoming city judge, with two fresh eggs for breakfast every morning for the past several years. Mr. Ducommun is quoted as having said that Mr. Clark has never yet deceived him as to the freshness of these daily eggs. Mr. Heckman is of the opinion that there is graft mixed up with this appointment if Ole Clark gets it, and he's strong for an investigation. He also says that the fresh egg angle of the story sounds rather d-n suspicious.

Milt Prudenstein was over to Chicago to eat his Thanksgiving dinner, please check your guns at the door."

Just Folks By Edgar A. Guest

His cheeks have paled and his eyes are closed,
 At last in peace are his hands reposed.
 Now what is the wealth that he leaves behind?
 For the world to know and the age to find?
 The sort of wealth which the old world heeds,
 A lasting record of kindly deeds.

Across the threshold which bears his name
 Never has stalked the demon Shame
 Within the walls where he used to dwell
 Now sit the people he loved so well.
 Clean and honest and brave and true,
 All of them mourning the friend they knew.

More Truth Than Poetry By James J. Montague

I take my stance, address the ball,
 And viciously I pata it;
 It does not leave the tee at all,
 But stays right where I placed it.

I say things to it, which I trust
 Are not overheard in Heaven,
 And send it, with a brutal bust,
 Six yards—or maybe seven.

I'll never learn the game, I know,
 Despite my wild endeavor;
 Yet golfers come, and golfers go,
 But I hope on forever.

Sometimes in making maulie shots
 I get real pep behind them,
 But they fly off to vacant lots,
 Where I can never find them.

My brassies stop in mid career,
 I fumble with the putter;
 The very caddies shrink to hear
 The language that I utter.

And yet you know how duffers are;
 I'm sure that I shall never
 Get less than fifty over par,
 Yet I hope on forever.

SHELVED.
 Most of the football teams have now been put away for the winter in plaster casts.

TOO GOOD DETECTIVE WORK.
 Strikes are sometimes lost, but, unfortunately, they are always found again somewhere.

ONE WAY MATERIAL.
 Some coal is going up the chimney and some is going up in the yards, but it is always going up.

PROPERTY DAMAGED.
 As the result of recent rains the interiors of a great many homes have been damaged. Cellars were badly spotted and wall paper loosened. The damage will amount to considerable and had these homes been protected with an Elaborated Roof this expense could have been spared. Elaborated Roofing Co., 107 W. Division st., Main 2403.

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